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2011 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release # 7

Summer Announcement # 4, District 4 Regulatory Subsistence Salmon Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Subsistence salmon fishing in Yukon River District 4 is currently open seven days a week until the regulatory subsistence salmon fishing schedule becomes effective. Once the fishing schedule becomes effective, subsistence salmon fishing will consist of two 48-hour periods each week.

Subdistrict 4-A (from $\frac{3}{4}$ miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point): Subsistence fishing for all species is currently open 7 days per week 24 hours a day until the regulatory subsistence salmon fishing schedule becomes effective. Subsistence fishing for salmon in Subdistrict 4-A, which includes the mainstem Yukon River villages of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk will close at 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 17. The subsistence salmon fishing schedule will then consist of two 48-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 6:00 pm Fridays, and from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays. By regulation, fishermen in Subdistrict 4-A may use drift gillnets during scheduled subsistence fishing periodson the mainstem of the Yukon River from June 10 to July 14.

Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C (from Cone Point to Illinois Creek): Subsistence fishing for all species is currently open 7 days per week 24 hours a day until the regulatory subsistence salmon fishing schedule becomes effective. Subsistence fishing for salmon in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C, which includes the mainstem Yukon River villages of Galena and Ruby, will close at 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 24. The subsistence salmon fishing schedule will then consist of two 48-hour periods each week from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays and from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 6:00 pm Fridays. State regulations do not allow the use of drift gillnets in State waters of

Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C. Federal regulations allow the use of drift gillnets in Federal waters of Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C. Subsistence salmon fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations before subsistence fishing. Subsistence fishermen wishing to utilize drift gillnet gear in these subdistricts should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (907) 656-1231 or (907) 949-1798 for the fishing schedule, permit requirements, and gear restrictions.

Koyukuk River: By regulation, subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days a week 24 hours a day, all season.

During the subsistence salmon fishing closures, only gillnets with a mesh size 4-inches or less and 60 feet or less in length can remain in the water.

Fishermen in Districts 1-6 and the Coastal District may not take salmon using gillnets with mesh size larger than 7.5 inches. Fishermen in these districts may use a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less. This includes all Yukon River tributaries as well as the Innoko and Koyukuk rivers.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 949-1798. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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